

Remarks

Reconsideration and allowance of the subject patent application are respectfully requested.

The Advisory Action dated November 16, 2005 indicates that claims 1, 3 and 6-11¹ as presented in the (un-entered) amendment of October 28, 2005 would be allowable. Without admitting the propriety of any outstanding rejection, claims 1, 3 and 6-11 are presented above as in the October 28th amendment and the remaining claims have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer..

The pending claims are believed to be allowable and favorable office action is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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¹ Applicants note that claims 4 and 5 were canceled by the October 28, 2005 Amendment and thus the reference in the Advisory Action to claims "1 and 3-11" being allowable is believed to be a typographical error.